

2011 Connecticut Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

DRAFT OUTLINE

I. PART ONE - Connecticut

A. State Overview

1. Introduction
2. Climate
3. Geography
4. History
5. Demographics
6. CT DEEP Agency Structure
7. Outdoor Recreation in CT

B. Methodology of 2010 SCORP

1. Assess existing information
2. Facilitating Public Participation
3. Developing updated information

II. PART TWO – Evaluation of Outdoor Recreation Supply and Demand

A. Evaluation of Supply

1. Summary of 2005 SCORP supply surveys
2. Five year update for 2011 SCORP
 - a. DEEP
 - b. Municipalities
 - c. Advisory Board

B. Evaluation of Demand

1. Summary of 2005 SCORP demand surveys
2. Five year update for 2011 SCORP
 - a. DEEP
 - b. Public Outreach
 - 1) Advisory Board
 - 2) Public Meetings
 - 3) SCORP Website

III. PART THREE – Statewide Issues, Accomplishments, and Challenges

A. Land Acquisition

1. Introduction (The Green Plan)
 - a. Overview
 - 1) The goal
 - 2) Statutory authorities and requirements
 - b. Considerations
 - 1) Important conservation areas
 - c. Process
 - 1) Partners
 - 2) Funding
 - a) Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program
 - b) Community Investment Act
 - c) Community Gardens Grant Program
 - d) Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program
2. Major Accomplishments
 - a. Overview
 - 1) Acquired land status
 - 2) Table
 - b. Main Points
3. New Initiatives and Challenges Moving Forward
 - a. Protected Open Space Mapping (POSM)
 - b. Other examples...

B. Protect and Restore Natural Resources

1. Introduction
2. Major Accomplishments
 - a. DEEP
 - 1) Environmental Conservation
 - 2) Environmental Quality
 - 3) Energy Policies
 - b. Partners
3. New Initiatives
 - a. DEEP
 - 1) Environmental Conservation
 - 2) Environmental Quality
 - 3) Energy Policies
 - b. Partners

C. Protect and Restore Cultural and Historical Resources

1. Introduction
2. Major Accomplishments
 - a. Interpretive Program
 - b. Historic Reenactments
 - c. Facility Repair
3. New Initiatives
 - a. DEEP
 - b. Partners

D. Maximize Public Access to Outdoor Recreation Resources

1. Introduction
2. Priority Topics
 - a. Providing safe, clean, affordable facilities (capital maintenance and repair)
 - b. Capital improvements (new construction)
 - c. By eliminating obstacles that restrict usage
 - 1) Insufficient parking
 - 2) Insufficient restrooms
 - 3) ADA accessibility
 - d. Alternative transportation to facilities
 - e. Lack of awareness facilities/programs
3. Major Accomplishments
 - a. Silver Sands Boardwalk
 - b. Hammonasset Middle Beach Bathhouse
 - c. Bayberry Lane and Gardner Lake Boat Launches
 - d. Park and Forest Interpreters
 - e. Community Fishing Ponds
 - f. State Park Library Passes
 - g. Ease the Fees Campaign
4. New Initiatives
 - a. Climate Adaptation
 - 1) Hammonasset West Beach Bathhouses
 - 2) Other examples...
 - b. Free Park Passes for Service Disabled Veterans
5. Introduction

E. Maximize the Variety of Outdoor Recreational Opportunities on a Statewide Basis

1. Introduction
2. Priority Topics
 - a. By providing multiple resource facilities wherever possible

- b. Water access (boating, fishing, swimming, wildlife viewing, etc...)
 - c. Winter sports (snowmobiling, ice skating, snowshoeing, etc...)
 - d. Multiuse trails (hiking, mountain biking, ATV, equestrian, ADA, etc...)
- 3. Major Accomplishments
 - a. Give Children Back the Night
 - b. Grandparents as Parents Support Network
 - c. Great Farm Adventure
 - d. Disc Golf course design at Mansfield Hollow
 - e. Enduro route studies at Shenipsit, Pachaug, and Cockaponset
- 4. New Initiatives
 - a. Geocaching/Letterboxing
 - b. Urban Fishing Program
 - c. NCLI – Winter Festival
 - d. NCLI – “First Day” Hikes

F. Promote Healthy Lifestyles and Environmental Stewardship (especially in children) by Encouraging Participation in Outdoor Recreation and Education

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Major Accomplishments
 - a. DEEP
 - b. Partners
- 3. New Initiatives
 - a. DEEP
 - b. Partners